

ARLINGTON PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINTUES

Approved 4-0-1

March 22, 2022

The Town of Arlington Park and Recreation Commission came to order for its online virtual meeting via Zoom on Tuesday March 22, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Commission Members: Jen Rothenberg, Phil Lasker, Shirley Canniff, Scott Walker, Josh Fenollosa, Sarah Carrier. Program Supervisor Matt Curran was also present as well as Conservation Commission Liaison Kathy Garnett.

Anticipated Speakers: Alexandra Boyle, James Benn

Preliminary Matter: Phil Lasker, Park & Recreation Commission Chair, took formal attendance via a roll call and read a statement pertaining to Governor Baker's Public Meeting Law change due to COVID-19 regarding virtual meetings. Meeting business ground rules and procedures were also covered by Mr. Lasker.

Open Forum – There were no comments for Open Forum

Peirce Elementary School – Garden Request

Ms. Boyle presented her request to the Commission. The Commission and Ms. Boyle discussed various suggestions and comments concerning the placement of the gardens. Ms. Boyle will continue to investigate the matter and come back to the Commission with more information.

Arlington Belmont Crew Agreement

The Commission and members of AB Crew reviewed the proposed agreement. The Commission discussed the importance of area clean-up and a trash in and trash out policy. The Commission approved the agreement pending a solution to the trash question. **Brackett School and Sole Permitting Use of Robbins Farm Park**

The Commisison discussed the request of Brackett School Principal Stephanie Zerchykov for Bracket to have sole permitted use of the Robbins Farm Playground during school hours due to the closure of the school playground. The Commission discussed the request but agreed it was precedent setting to all of the playgrounds that are adjacent to elementary schools including Dallin, Bishop, Stratton, North Union, and Perice. The Commission did not take action on the request but was not it support. Ms. Rothernberg asked about the installation of a Gaga Pit similar to Stratton School to give the students some play value on site. Mr. Curran will confer with Mr. Connelly.

Minutes for 2/8/2022

The Commission approved the minutes of 2/8/2022 on a motion by Mr. Walker, Seconded by Ms. Canniff and approved 4-0. The minutes of 3/8/2022 were tabled.

Comments and Items for Future Meetings

The Commission discussed upcoming agenda items including off leash dogs, and park signs for coyote awareness. The Commission will also discuss the request from the disability commission of placement of Augmentative and Alternative Communication Boards in parks.

Correspondence Received

The Commission reviewed the correspondence received.

The Commission asked what, if any, plans there were for the current town on building on Ryder Street that is housing the natural resources department.

Conservation Commission Update

Conservation Liaison Report

Ms. Garnett reviewed the following topics:

- Regulation Updates
- Tree plantings and can the Conservation Commission help initiate new tree plantings in parks

New Business

N/

Adjournment

Ms. Rothenberg motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Walker and approved 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Matt Curran

Recreation Program Supervisor